

COEFFICIENT ESTIMATES FOR INVERSES OF STARLIKE FUNCTIONS OF POSITIVE ORDER

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ABSTRACT: In the present paper, the coefficient estimates are found for the class $S^{*-1}(\alpha)$ consisting of inverses of functions in the class of univalent starlike functions of order α in $D = \{z \in C : |z| < 1\}$. These estimates extend the work of Krzyz, Libera and Zlotkiewicz [12] who found sharp estimates on only first two coefficients for the functions in the class $S^{*-1}(\alpha)$. The coefficient estimates are also found for the class $\Sigma^{*-1}(\alpha)$, consisting of inverses of functions in the class $\Sigma^*(\alpha)$ of univalent starlike functions of order α in $V = \{z \in C : 1 < |z| < \infty\}$. The open problem of finding sharp coefficient estimates for functions in the class $\Sigma^*(\alpha)$ stands completely settled in the present work by our method developed here.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let A_0 be the class of functions f , analytic in the unit disc $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ and having the power series expansion,

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n. \quad (1.1)$$

The class of univalent functions in A_0 is denoted by S . A function $f \in A_0$ is said to be in the class $S^*(\alpha)$, $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, of starlike functions of order α if, for $z \in D$,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(z \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \alpha, \quad (1.2)$$

It is known that $S^*(\alpha) \subseteq S^*(0) \equiv S^* \subset S$ for $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ [5, p.51]. The class of functions

$$g(z) = z + b_0 + \frac{b_1}{z} + \frac{b_2}{z^2} + \dots \quad (1.3)$$

that are analytic and univalent in $V = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : 1 < |z| < \infty\}$ is denoted by Σ and the class of starlike functions of order α , $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, in V is denoted by $\Sigma^*(\alpha)$, i.e. a function $g \in \Sigma^*(\alpha)$ if and only if

$g \in \Sigma$ satisfies $\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{z g'(z)}{g(z)} \right) > \alpha$ for $z \in V$. We are primarily concerned here with the investigation of sharp coefficient estimates for the inverse functions in the above classes. Let

S^{-1} be the class of inverse functions f^{-1} of functions $f \in S$ with the Taylor series expansion

$$f^{-1}(w) = w + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_n w^n \quad (1.4)$$

in some disc $|w| < r_0(f)$ and Σ^{*-1} be the class of inverse functions g^{-1} of functions $g \in \Sigma^*$ with the series expansion

$$g^{-1}(w) = w + B_0 + \frac{B_1}{w} + \frac{B_2}{w^2} + \dots \quad (1.5)$$

in some neighbourhood of infinity. The classes $S^{*-1}(\alpha)$ and $\Sigma^{*-1}(\alpha)$ are defined analogously.

The coefficient estimate problem for the class S , known as the Bieberbach conjecture [2], is settled by De-Branges [4], who proved that for a function $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ in the class S , $|a_n| \leq n$, for all $n = 2, 3, \dots$, with equality only for the rotations of the Koebe function

$$K_0(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2} \quad (1.6)$$

Loewner, using his parametric method [15; also see 7, p.222] proved that if f^{-1} , given by (1.4), is in the class S^{-1} or S^{*-1} , the sharp estimate

$$|A_n| \leq \frac{\Gamma(2n+1)}{\Gamma(n+2) \Gamma(n+1)}, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots$$

holds, K_0^{-1} being the extremal function for all n in the above inequality. The above coefficient estimate problem for the classes S^{-1} and S^{*-1} is also investigated by the methods developed by Shaeffer and Spencer [17], FitzGerald [6], Baernstein [1], Poole [16] and others. Prior to de-Branges result on the sharp coefficient bounds for the whole class S , the coefficient estimate problem was established for several subclasses of S , e.g. the classes of convex functions, starlike functions of order α , close-to-convex functions, normalized integrals of functions with positive real part etc. However, in contrast, although for the class of inverse functions the coefficient problem for the whole classes S^{-1} and S^{*-1} had been completely solved as early as in 1923 [15], only few results are known on the sharp coefficient estimates for the inverse of functions in the above subclasses [9, 11, 14, 18]. In certain cases, the coefficients of the inverse of the functions in some of these subclasses show unexpected behaviour. For example, it is known that if f is a univalent convex function and f^{-1} is given by (1.4), then $|A_n| \leq 1$ for $n=1, \dots, 8$ [3,13] and equality holds for the inverse of the function $K_{1/2}(z) = z/(1-z)$; while $|A_{10}| > 1$ [10] and the exact bounds on $|A_9|$ and $|A_n|$ for $n > 10$ are still unknown.

Krzyz, Libera and Zlotkiewicz [12] showed that if f^{-1} , given by (1.4), is in $S^{*-1}(\alpha)$, then

$$|A_2| \leq 2(1-\alpha) \quad (1.7)$$

and

$$|A_3| \leq \begin{cases} (1-\alpha)(5-6\alpha), & 0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{2}{3} \\ (1-\alpha), & \frac{2}{3} \leq \alpha < 1 \end{cases} \quad (1.8)$$

$$(1.9)$$

The estimates (1.7) and (1.8) are sharp for the function K_α^{-1} and (1.9) is sharp for the function $K_{\alpha,2}^{-1}$, where

$$K_\alpha(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^{2(1-\alpha)}} \quad \text{and} \quad K_{\alpha,n}(z) = \sqrt[n]{K_\alpha(z^n)} \quad , \quad n=2,3,\dots \quad (1.10)$$

The determination of sharp estimates on $|A_n|$ for $n \geq 4$ is hitherto an open problem for the class $S^{*-1}(\alpha)$.

In the present paper, the estimates on $|A_n|$, $n \geq 2$, for functions in the class $S^{*-1}(\alpha)$ are found. These estimates are sharp for each n when $\alpha \in [0, \frac{2}{n}] \cup [\frac{n-1}{n}, 1)$ extending the work of Krzyz, Libera and Zlotkiewicz [12], who found sharp estimates given by (1.7), (1.8), and (1.9) on only first two coefficients for the functions in the class $S^{*-1}(\alpha)$. More specifically, it is shown that for each $n \geq 3$, the functions K_α^{-1} and $K_{\alpha,n}^{-1}$, given by (1.10), are extremal for $0 \leq \alpha < \frac{2}{n}$ and $\frac{n-1}{n} \leq \alpha < 1$ respectively; at variance to the existence of a single extremal function K_0^{-1} for the whole class S^{*-1} . We also prove that, for the functions $g^{-1} \in \Sigma^{*-1}(\alpha)$, given by (1.5), the sharp estimate $|B_n| \leq 2(1-\alpha)$, $\frac{n-1}{n} \leq \alpha < 1$, holds for all $n=1, 2, \dots$. The open problem of finding sharp coefficient estimates for functions in the class $\Sigma^*(\alpha)$ stands completely settled in the present work by our method developed here.

2. SOME AUXILIARY RESULTS

Let Ω be the class of functions

$$f(z) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} a_{\nu} z^{\nu}, \quad a_1 \neq 0 \quad (2.1)$$

analytic in $|z| < \rho$ for some $\rho > 0$. For a fixed $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $f \in \Omega$, let

$$\frac{1}{(f(z))^n} = \frac{a_{-n}^{(-n)}}{z^n} + \frac{a_{-n+1}^{(-n)}}{z^{n-1}} + \dots + \frac{a_{-1}^{(-n)}}{z} + \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} a_p^{(-n)} z^p = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} a_{-n+g}^{(-n)} z^{-n+g}, \quad |z| < \rho \quad (2.2)$$

Note that $a_{-n}^{(-n)} = 1$, if $a_1 = 1$.

We need the following lemmas in the sequel for our main results:

Lemma 1. Let $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be fixed. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & 4n(1-\alpha) \left[n(1-\alpha) + \sum_{m=1}^{g-1} \{n(1-\alpha) - m\} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{2n(1-\alpha) - j}{j+1} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{((g-1)!)^2} \prod_{j=0}^{g-1} (2n(1-\alpha) - j)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Proof. For $g=1$, (2.3) trivially holds. Assume that

$$4n(1-\alpha) \left[n(1-\alpha) + \sum_{m=1}^{g-2} \{n(1-\alpha) - m\} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{2n(1-\alpha) - j}{j+1} \right)^2 \right] = \frac{1}{((g-2)!)^2} \prod_{j=0}^{g-2} (2n(1-\alpha) - j)^2.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & 4n(1-\alpha) \left[n(1-\alpha) + \sum_{m=1}^{g-1} \{n(1-\alpha) - m\} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{2n(1-\alpha) - j}{j+1} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{((g-2)!)^2} \prod_{j=0}^{g-2} (2n(1-\alpha) - j)^2 + 4n(1-\alpha) \{n(1-\alpha) - (g-1)\} \frac{1}{((g-1)!)^2} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{g-2} (2n(1-\alpha) - j) \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{((g-2)!)^2} \prod_{j=0}^{g-2} (2n(1-\alpha) - j)^2 \left[1 + 4n(1-\alpha) \{n(1-\alpha) - (g-1)\} \frac{1}{(g-1)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{((g-1)!)^2} \prod_{j=0}^{g-2} (2n(1-\alpha) - j)^2 [2n(1-\alpha) - (g-1)]^2 = \frac{1}{((g-1)!)^2} \prod_{j=0}^{g-1} (2n(1-\alpha) - j)^2. \end{aligned}$$

The identity (2.3) therefore follows by induction on g . This completes the proof of Lemma 1.

Throughout in the sequel, let $I_k(n)$ denote the semiclosed interval $[\frac{k}{n}, \frac{k+1}{n})$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$.

Lemma 2. Let the function $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ be in the class $S^*(\alpha)$ and $a_{-n+g}^{(-n)}$ be given by (2.2).

Then, for $\alpha \in I_k(n)$,

$$\left| a_{-n+g}^{(-n)} \right| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1)}{\Gamma(g+1) \Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1-g)} & , g = 1, \dots, n-k \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

$$\left| a_{-n+g}^{(-n)} \right| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1)}{g \Gamma(n-k) \Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1-(n-k))} & , g = n-k+1, \dots \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

In particular, if $\alpha \in I_{n-1}(n)$, then

$$\left| a_{-n+g}^{(-n)} \right| \leq \frac{2n(1-\alpha)}{g}, \quad g = 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.6)$$

The estimates (2.4) and (2.6) are sharp.

Remark. By allowing k to vary from 0 to $n-1$, the estimates (2.4), (2.5) and (2.6) give estimates on the all the coefficients $\left| a_{-n+g}^{(-n)} \right|$ for a function $f \in S^*(\alpha)$, $0 \leq \alpha < 1$.

Proof . By a direct calculation, $\left(z(1/(f(z))^n)' \right) / \left(-n(1/(f(z))^n) \right) = z f'(z) / f(z)$. Thus, $\left(z(1/(f(z))^n)' \right) / \left(-n(1/(f(z))^n) \right) = (1 + (1-2\alpha)w(z)) / (1-w(z))$, $z \in D$, for a function

$w(z) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} w_m z^m$ analytic in D and satisfying the conditions of Schwarz Lemma. Equivalently,

$z \left(1/(f(z))^n \right)' + \left(n/(f(z))^n \right) = \left[z \left(1/(f(z))^n \right)' - \left(n(1-2\alpha)/(f(z))^n \right) \right] w(z)$. The Substitution of the corresponding series expansions of the functions in this identity and a simplification gives

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m a_{-n+m}^{(-n)} z^m = \left[-2n(1-\alpha) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \{m-2n(1-\alpha)\} a_{-n+m}^{(-n)} z^m \right] w(z) \quad (2.7)$$

Equating coefficients on both sides of (2.7), it is observed that, for every $g = 1, 2, \dots$, the coefficient $a_{-n+g}^{(-n)}$ depends only on $a_{-n+1}^{(-n)}, a_{-n+2}^{(-n)}, \dots, a_{-n+g-1}^{(-n)}$. Hence (2.7) can be rearranged as

$$\sum_{m=1}^g m a_{-n+m}^{(-n)} z^m + \sum_{m=g+1}^{\infty} b_m z^m = \left[-2n(1-\alpha) + \sum_{m=1}^{g-1} \{m-2n(1-\alpha)\} a_{-n+m}^{(-n)} z^m \right] \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} w_p z^p, \quad g = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

the second sum in the left hand side being convergent in D . The inequality $|w(z)| < 1$ and Parseval's theorem give

$$\sum_{m=1}^g m^2 \left| a_{-n+m}^{(-n)} \right|^2 \leq 4n^2(1-\alpha)^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{g-1} \{m-2n(1-\alpha)\}^2 \left| a_{-n+m}^{(-n)} \right|^2 .$$

Equivalently,

$$\mathcal{G}^2 \left| a_{-n+\mathcal{G}}^{(-n)} \right|^2 \leq 4n(1-\alpha) \left[n(1-\alpha) + \sum_{m=1}^{\mathcal{G}-1} \{n(1-\alpha) - m\} \left| a_{-n+m}^{(-n)} \right|^2 \right] . \quad (2.8)$$

The sign of each term inside the summation symbol on the right hand side of (2.8) depends on the sign of the expression $n(1-\alpha) - m$, $m = 1, \dots, \mathcal{G}-1$. To determine the sign of this expression, we need to partition the interval $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ into n semi-closed intervals $I_k(n)$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$. For any fixed k , if $\alpha \in I_k(n)$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, then $n-k-1 < n(1-\alpha) \leq n-k$ so that $n(1-\alpha) - m > 0$ if $m = 1, \dots, n-k-1$ and $n(1-\alpha) - m \leq 0$ if $m = n-k, \dots$. Considering only nonnegative contributions in the right hand summation in (2.8), it follows by using the above inequalities that, for $\mathcal{G} = 1, \dots, n-k$,

$$\mathcal{G}^2 \left| a_{-n+\mathcal{G}}^{(-n)} \right|^2 \leq 4n(1-\alpha) \left[n(1-\alpha) + \sum_{m=1}^{\mathcal{G}-1} \{n(1-\alpha) - m\} \left| a_{-n+m}^{(-n)} \right|^2 \right] \quad (2.9)$$

while, if $\mathcal{G} = n-k+1, \dots$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}^2 \left| a_{-n+\mathcal{G}}^{(-n)} \right|^2 &\leq 4n(1-\alpha) \left[n(1-\alpha) + \sum_{m=1}^{n-k-1} \{n(1-\alpha) - m\} \left| a_{-n+m}^{(-n)} \right|^2 \right] + \sum_{m=n-k}^{\mathcal{G}-1} \{n(1-\alpha) - m\} \left| a_{-n+m}^{(-n)} \right|^2 \\ &\leq 4n(1-\alpha) \left[n(1-\alpha) + \sum_{m=1}^{n-k-1} \{n(1-\alpha) - m\} \left| a_{-n+m}^{(-n)} \right|^2 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

We now use induction on \mathcal{G} . For $\mathcal{G}=1$, it follows from (2.9) that $\left| a_{-n+1}^{(-n)} \right| \leq 2n(1-\alpha)$, giving the estimate (2.4) in this case. Now let, for $\mathcal{G} = 1, 2, \dots, n-k-1$, the estimate

$$\left| a_{-n+\mathcal{G}}^{(-n)} \right| \leq \prod_{j=0}^{\mathcal{G}-1} \frac{2n(1-\alpha) - j}{j+1} \quad (2.11)$$

hold. Then, using (2.9), (2.11) and Lemma 1, it follows that, for $\mathcal{G} = 1, \dots, n-k$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}^2 \left| a_{-n+\mathcal{G}}^{(-n)} \right|^2 &\leq 4n(1-\alpha) \left[n(1-\alpha) + \sum_{m=1}^{\mathcal{G}-1} \{n(1-\alpha) - m\} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{2n(1-\alpha) - j}{j+1} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{((\mathcal{G}-1)!)^2} \prod_{j=0}^{\mathcal{G}-1} (2n(1-\alpha) - j)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

Thus, for $\mathcal{G} = 1, \dots, n-k$,

$$\left| a_{-n+\vartheta}^{(-n)} \right| \leq \prod_{j=0}^{\vartheta-1} \frac{2n(1-\alpha)-j}{j+1} = \frac{\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1)}{\Gamma(\vartheta+1)\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1-\vartheta)} \quad (2.13)$$

This establishes the inequality (2.4).

Next, if $\vartheta = n-k+1, n-k+2, \dots$, using (2.10), the induction hypothesis (2.11) and Lemma 1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta^2 \left| a_{-n+\vartheta}^{(-n)} \right|^2 &\leq 4n(1-\alpha) \left[n(1-\alpha) + \sum_{m=1}^{n-k-1} \{n(1-\alpha)-m\} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} \frac{2n(1-\alpha)-j}{j+1} \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{((n-k-1)!)^2} \prod_{j=0}^{n-(k+1)} (2n(1-\alpha)-j)^2 = \left(\frac{\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1)}{\Gamma(n-k)\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1-(n-k))} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

The above inequality yields the estimate (2.5).

For $k = n-1$, the estimates (2.4) and (2.5) respectively reduce to $\left| a_{-n+1}^{(-n)} \right| \leq 2n(1-\alpha)$ and $\left| a_{-n+\vartheta}^{(-n)} \right| \leq \frac{2n(1-\alpha)}{\vartheta}$ for $\vartheta = 2, 3, \dots$. Combining the above inequalities, (2.6) follows.

Equality holds in (2.4) for every $\vartheta = 1, \dots, n-k$ for $(-n)^{th}$ power of the function $K_\alpha(z)$ defined in (1.10). On the other hand for each $\vartheta = n-k+1, \dots$, $(-n)^{th}$ power of the function $K_{\alpha,\vartheta}(z)$, defined in (1.10), provides the sharpness for the estimate (2.6). This completes the proof of Lemma 2.

We also need in the sequel the following result of Jabotinsky [8]:

Lemma 3. *If the function f , given by (2.1), is in Ω then $f^{-1} \in \Omega$. Further, if*

$$f^{-1}(w) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n w^n$$

then,

$$A_n^{(p)} = \frac{p}{n} a_{-p}^{(-n)}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots; \quad p = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \quad (2.14)$$

and $A_0^{(p)}$ is defined by

$$\sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} A_0^{(p)} z^{-p-1} = \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \quad . \quad (2.15)$$

3. MAIN RESULTS

The following theorem gives the coefficient estimates for the inverse of a function in the class $S^*(\alpha)$:

Theorem 1. Let $f \in S^*(\alpha)$, $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and, for $|w| < \frac{1}{4}$,

$$f^{-1}(w) = w + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_n w^n \quad (3.1)$$

Then,

(a) for $\alpha \in I_0(n) \cup I_1(n)$,

$$|A_n| \leq \frac{\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1)}{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+2-n)} \quad (3.2)$$

(b) for $\alpha \in I_k(n)$, $k = 2, \dots, n-2$,

$$|A_n| \leq \frac{\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1)}{n(n-1)\Gamma(n-k)\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1+k-n)} \quad (3.3)$$

(c) for $\alpha \in I_{n-1}$,

$$|A_n| \leq \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{n-1} \quad (3.4)$$

where, $I_k(n) \equiv \left[\frac{k}{n}, \frac{k+1}{n}\right)$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$. The estimates (3.2) and (3.4) are sharp.

Proof. It is known (see e.g. [12]) that $A_n = (1/2\pi i) \int_{|z|=r} (1/(f(z))^n) dz = (1/n) a_{-1}^{(-n)}$, $0 < r < 1$.

Therefore, it is sufficient to find suitable estimates for $|a_{-1}^{(-n)}|$. To this end, taking $\mathcal{G} = n-1$ in Lemma 2, using the appropriate inequality (2.4), (2.5) or (2.6) for different values of $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ and observing that only for $k=0$ and $k=1$ the inequality (2.4) is applicable, the following estimate is obtained for $\alpha \in [0, \frac{2}{n})$,

$$\left| a_{-1}^{(-n)} \right| \leq \frac{\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1)}{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+2-n)} \quad (3.5)$$

which gives (a). Similarly, for $\alpha \in I_k(n)$, $k = 2, \dots, n-2$, the inequality (2.5) yields

$$\left| a_{-1}^{(-n)} \right| \leq \frac{\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1)}{(n-1)\Gamma(n-k)\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1+k-n)}. \quad (3.6)$$

This gives (b). Finally, for $\alpha \in I_{n-1}(n)$, the inequality (2.6) gives

$$\left| a_{-1}^{(-n)} \right| \leq \frac{2n(1-\alpha)}{n-1}. \quad (3.7)$$

Consequently, (c) follows.

It is easily verified that equality holds in (3.5) and (3.7) for the $(-n)^{\text{th}}$ power of the function $K_n(z)$ and $(-n)^{\text{th}}$ power of the function $K_{\alpha, n-1}(z)$ respectively. Thus, the estimates (3.2) and (3.4) are sharp. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

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The sharp coefficient estimates for functions in $\Sigma^*(\alpha)$, $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, are described by the following:

Theorem 2. *Let the function $g \in \Sigma^*(\alpha)$, $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, be given by the series*

$$g(z) = z + b_0 + \frac{b_1}{z} + \frac{b_2}{z^2} + \dots, \quad z \in V.$$

Then,

$$\left| b_m \right| \leq \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{m+1}, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots \quad (3.8)$$

The estimate (3.8) is sharp.

Proof. The mapping $f(z) \rightarrow g(z) = 1/f(1/z)$ establishes a one-to-one correspondence between $S^*(\alpha)$ and $\Sigma^*(\alpha)$. Since, $(zg'(z)/g(z)) = \left(z(1/f(1/z))' \right) / (1/f(1/z)) = ((1/z)f'(1/z)) / f(1/z)$, this mapping too is one-to-one from $S^*(\alpha)$ onto $\Sigma^*(\alpha)$. We note that the coefficient expansion of $1/f(z)$ around origin is same as the coefficient expansion of $g(z)$ about infinity. Therefore,

$$\max_{g \in \Sigma^*(\alpha)} \left| b_m \right| = \max_{f \in S^*(\alpha)} \left| a_m^{(-1)} \right|, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots \quad (3.9)$$

Thus, by Lemma 2,

$$\left| a_{-1+\vartheta}^{(-1)} \right| \leq \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{\vartheta}, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1; \quad \vartheta = 1, \dots \quad (3.10)$$

The inequality (3.10) can be equivalently expressed as

$$\left| a_m^{(-1)} \right| \leq \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{m+1}, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1; \quad m = 0, 1, \dots \quad (3.11)$$

and the inequality (3.11) together with (3.9) gives (3.8). It is easily seen that the function $g(z) = z \left(1 - (1/z)^{m+1}\right)^{2(1-\alpha)/(m+1)}$ belongs to the class $\Sigma^*(\alpha)$ and its m^{th} coefficient equals $2(1-\alpha)/(m+1)$. Therefore, the estimate (3.8) is sharp. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

The coefficient estimates for the inverse of a function in the class $\Sigma^*(\alpha)$ are found in the following:

Theorem 3. *Let the function $g \in \Sigma^*(\alpha)$, $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, have the series expansion $g^{-1}(w) = w + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n w^{-n}$ in some neighbourhood of infinity. Then,*

$$(a) \quad |B_0| \leq 2(1-\alpha), \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1 \quad (3.12)$$

(b) For $\alpha \in I_k(n)$, $k = 0, \dots, n-2$,

$$|B_n| \leq \frac{\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1)}{n(n+1)\Gamma(n-k)\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1-(n-k))} \quad (3.13)$$

(c) For $\alpha \in I_{n-1}(n)$,

$$|B_n| \leq \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{n+1} \quad (3.14)$$

where, $I_k(n) \equiv \left[\frac{k}{n}, \frac{k+1}{n}\right)$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$. The estimates (3.12) and (3.14) are sharp.

Proof. For any $g \in \Sigma^*(\alpha)$, $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, there exists $f \in S^*(\alpha)$ such that $g(z) = 1/f(1/z)$. It can be easily verified that $g^{-1}(w) = 1/f^{-1}(1/w)$. Since the coefficients in the expansion of $1/f^{-1}(w)$ around origin and those of $1/f^{-1}(1/w)$ about infinity are the same, we have

$$B_n = A_n^{(-1)}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (3.15)$$

By (2.15), with $\operatorname{Re} Q(z) > \alpha$, $Q(0) = 1$ and $z \in D$,

$$\sum_{p=-\infty}^{\infty} A_0^{(p)} z^{-p-1} = \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{1}{z} Q(z) \equiv \frac{1}{z} \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q_n z^n\right]$$

Now, using the well known sharp estimate

$$|q_n| \leq 2(1-\alpha), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad (3.16)$$

we get,

$$\max_{g^{-1} \in \Sigma^{*-1}(\alpha)} |B_0| = \max_{f^{-1} \in S^{*-1}(\alpha)} |A_0^{-1}| = \operatorname{Max} |q_1| \leq 2(1-\alpha),$$

This establishes (3.12). Since the bound in (3.16) is sharp, it follows that the estimate (3.12) is also sharp.

For $n=1, 2, \dots$, (3.15) together with (2.14) gives

$$\max_{g^{-1} \in \Sigma^{*-1}(\alpha)} |B_n| = \max_{f^{-1} \in S^{*-1}(\alpha)} |A_n^{(-1)}| = (1/n) \max_{f^{-1} \in S^*(\alpha)} |a_1^{(-n)}| \quad (3.17)$$

It is easily verified that $a_1^{(-n)} = a_{-n+(n+1)}^{(-n)}$. Since the sharp estimate (2.4) in Lemma 2 is not applicable for any value of $k=0, \dots, n-1$, in order to get (3.13), the estimate (2.5) with $\mathcal{G} = n+1$ has to be used for $k=0, 1, \dots, n-2$. This gives

$$|a_1^{(-n)}| \leq \frac{\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1)}{(n+1)\Gamma(n-k)\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha)+1-(n-k))} \quad (3.18)$$

The estimate (3.13) now easily follows from (3.17) and (3.18). Similarly, the estimate (2.6) with $\mathcal{G} = n+1$ gives,

$$|a_1^{(-n)}| \leq \frac{2n(1-\alpha)}{n+1} \quad (3.19)$$

By combining (3.17) and (3.19), the estimate (3.14) follows. Since the inequality (2.6) is sharp, it follows that the estimate (3.14) is sharp. This completes the proof of Theorem 3.

Remark. *The construction of a suitable example to exhibit the sharpness of inequality (2.5) seems to be quite involved and the sharpness of estimates (3.3) and (3.13) depend on the sharpness of the inequality (2.5).*

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